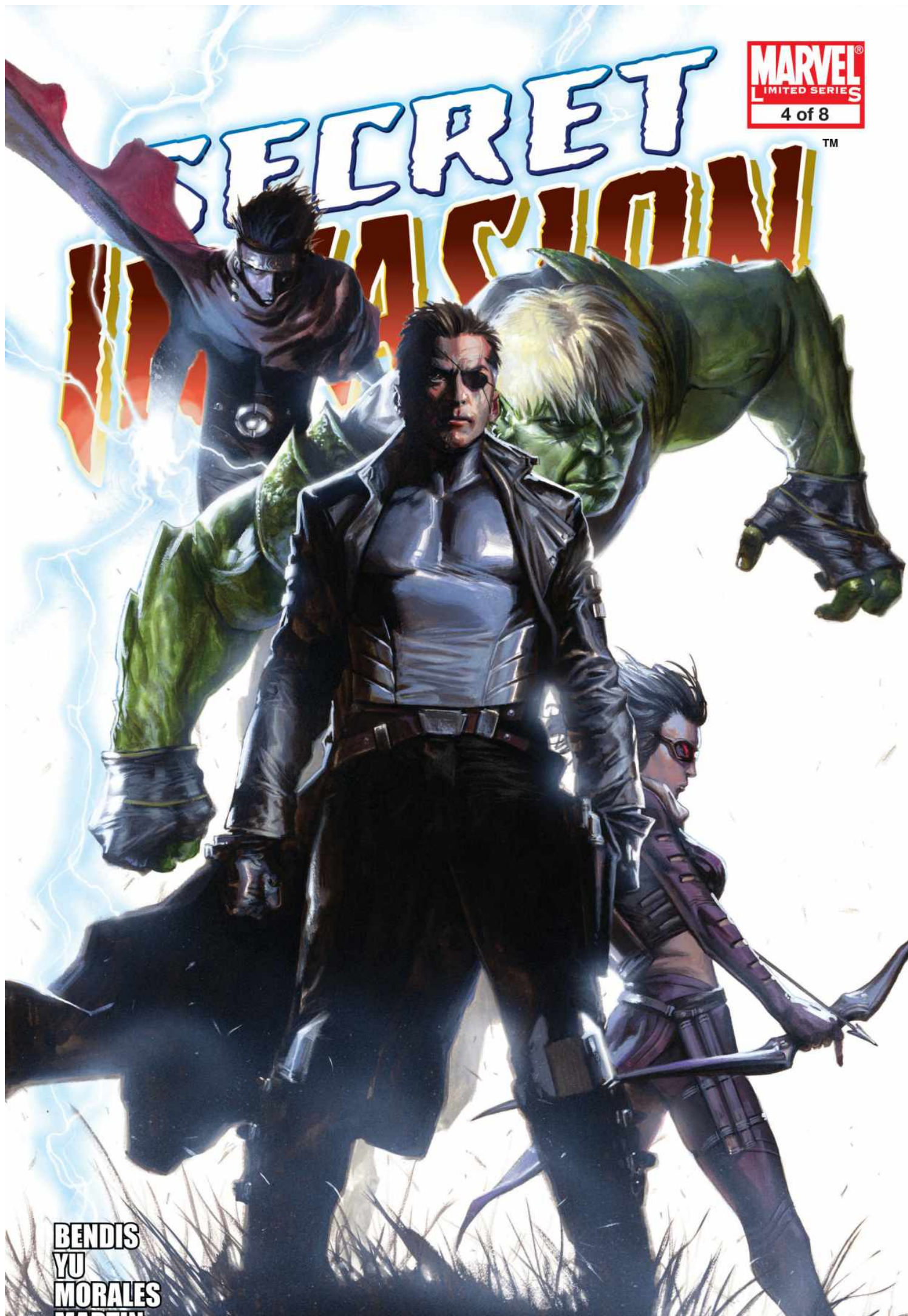




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The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has begun their invasion of Earth.

First they deployed a well planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among the Avengers and other heroes around the world. Now they have struck fast and hard, first coaxing both the sanctioned and underground Avengers to the faraway Savage Land to be hunted by Skrulls posing as their counterparts and long lost loved ones from an earlier time.

Next, Skrull agents posing as humans all over the world act: DUM DUM DUGAN, agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.; JARVIS, Avengers butler; CAPTAIN MARVEL, the Kree warrior; HANK PYM, Founding Avenger; all launch their part of the attack...the invasion has begun with a bang, as they send a virus through the mainframe of Starktech that shuts down S.H.I.E.L.D. -- and Iron Man's battle armor. Next, they send the Fantastic Four's Baxter Building into the abyss of the Negative Zone and capture Reed Richards, enemy of the Skrull state.

Finally, a ground assault in the form of thousands of super-powered Skrulls touches down in Manhattan, and quickly dispatched the young heroes left from the in-training Initiative. The Skrulls start to systematically execute the heroes on TV for the world to see, when Nick Fury shows up with a brand new team of Howling Commandos...

Back in the Savage Land, Spider-Woman reveals herself to Tony Stark as the Skrull queen, and tells him that he is the greatest sleeper agent in the history of the Skrull Empire...

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THE HOOD

"IT'S AN INVASION."

"IT'S ALREADY
HAPPENED."



"OPEN YOUR
EYES."

"IT'S WAR."

"IT ALWAYS
HAS BEEN."



"BUT *NOW*? NOW IT'S GOING TO
GET UGLY BEFORE IT GETS...NOT."

"AND IF YOU THINK
THIS IS BAD..."

"WELL..."



"THE EMPIRE HAS TAKEN
THE PLANET EARTH FOR
THEIR OWN."

"IT'S OURS.
THAT'S
HAPPENED."

"AND THE HUMAN RACE,
WELL, NOW THEY ARE JUST
THIS *THING* STANDING
IN OUR WAY."

"SOMETHING WE HAVE
TO DEAL WITH."



"WE'VE *STUDIED* THE
HUMAN RACE. WE KNOW
THEY UNDERSTAND THIS
PERFECTLY."

"WE KNOW THEY'D HAVE
DONE THE SAME."

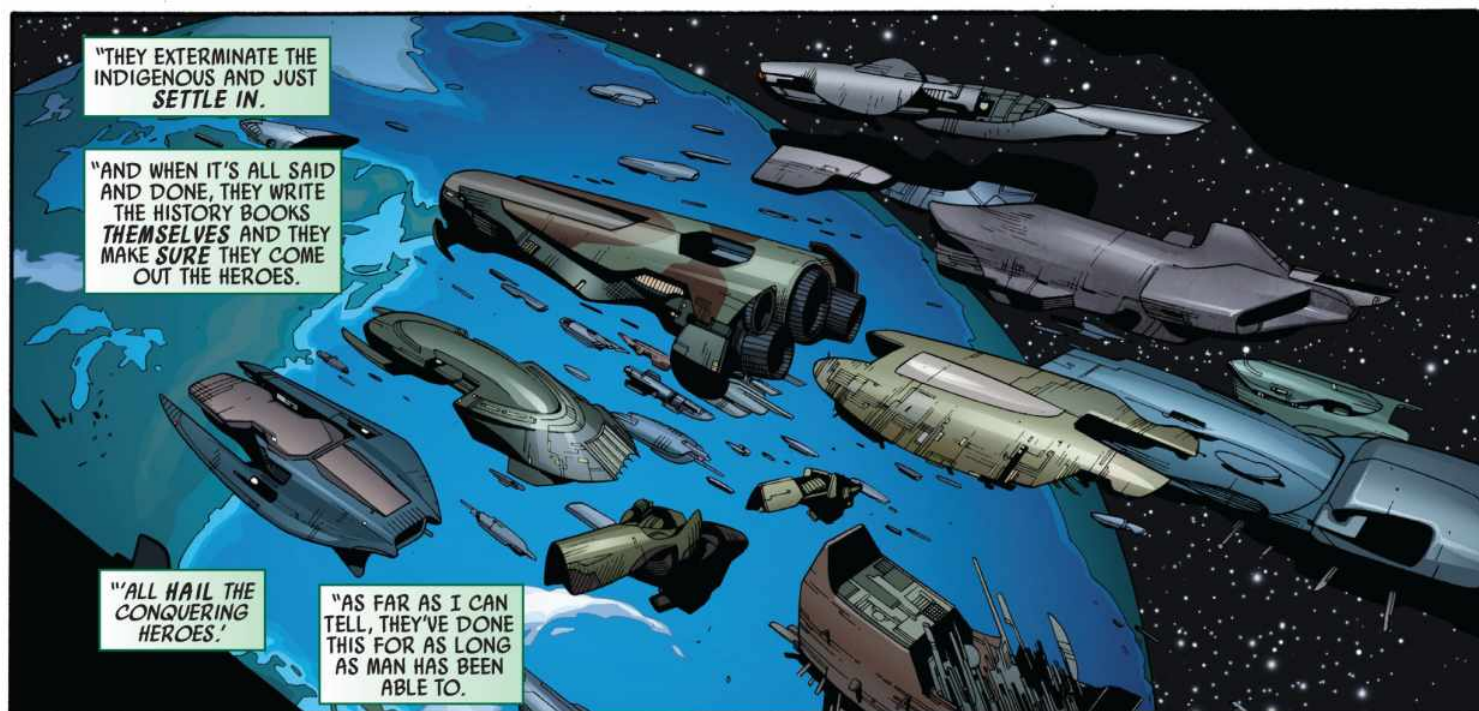
"THEY *HAVE* DONE
THE SAME."



"IF THERE'S SOMETHING *THEY* WANT, THEY *TAKE* IT."

"IF, IN THE NAME OF THEIR GOD OR MONEY OR BOTH, THEY BELIEVE SOMETHING TO BE THEIRS..."

"...THEY JUST *TAKE* IT."



"THEY EXTERMINATE THE INDIGENOUS AND JUST *SETTLE IN*."

"AND WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE, THEY WRITE THE HISTORY BOOKS *THEMSELVES* AND THEY MAKE *SURE* THEY COME OUT THE HEROES."

"ALL HAIL THE CONQUERING HEROES."

"AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THEY'VE DONE THIS FOR AS LONG AS MAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO."



"BUT TODAY--HOW THIS GOES TODAY--THIS WAS PREDETERMINED."



"PREORDAINED."



"THEY'LL FIGURE THAT OUT EVENTUALLY."

"IT'S NOT A BATTLE TO WIN OR LOSE."

"IT'S NOT A BATTLE."



"BUT FIRST--THEY'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THEIR BIOLOGICAL INSTINCTS AND..."

"WHAT'S A PHRASE THEY WOULD TURN?"

"FREAK OUT."

"AND *THAT* IS UNDERSTANDABLE."



"IT'S TOO BAD. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T *HAVE* TO BE THAT WAY."

"IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY TRIED TO *FIGHT* THE URGE."



"TRY TO *SEE* THE BIG PICTURE."



"IT WOULD BE A LOT EASIER FOR ALL OF US IF THEY COULD."



"OH, WELL."





"BUT THEY WON'T WIN NO
MATTER WHAT THEY DO.

"AND I'LL TELL
YOU WHY.

NOT SURE
YOU SKRULLS
BROUGHT
ENOUGH--
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"BECAUSE, AND
THIS IS IMPORTANT,
THEY WON'T KNOW
WHO TO FIGHT.

SCOW!

KRAKOOOM

"IN A WAR, IN A FIGHT,
YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE
TO TRUST THE ONE
NEXT TO YOU.

"THEY NEED TO
TRUST EACH OTHER.

"AND NOW
THEY CAN'T.

SKRASH





"IMAGINE WANTING TO FIGHT FOR OR--OR JUST HOLD THE ONE YOU LOVE."

"AND YET NOT KNOWING IF IT'S REALLY THEM."



"TIMES IT BY A THOUSAND. A MILLION."

"IMAGINE THE MADNESS."



"AND ALL THE MISTRUST, JEALOUSY, HATE, FEAR AND BETRAYAL..."

"THE FUNNY OF IT IS-- HALF OF IT WE PLANTED, THE OTHER HALF *THEY* BROUGHT WITH THEM."



"THEY'D HALF-DEFEATED THEMSELVES BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED."



"THEY *ALREADY* DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO TRUST."



"AND WE JUST SAT BACK AND WAITED TILL ALL THE PARANOIA HAD BUILT TO Hysteria."

"WE WAITED TILL THEY WERE ATTACKING AND KILLING EACH OTHER."



"AND WHEN THEY WERE DONE, *THAT'S* WHEN WE LET THEM KNOW..."



"THE WAR HAD HAPPENED AND THEY *ALREADY* LOST."









OKAY, TONY,
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOU?

MMMIGHT BE
A SKRULL.

YOU'RE NOT
A SKRULL. SHE
WAS WORKING
YOU OVER.

NO.

TONY,
FOCUS.

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
YOU'RE
NOT?



THEY
POISONED YOU,
TONY.

NO, NO...

THEY COULD
HAVE KILLED ME.
THEY DIDN'T--

THEY'RE WORKING
YOU BECAUSE THERE'S
FIVE PEOPLE ON THE
PLANET THAT CAN STOP
THIS AND YOU'RE
ONE OF THEM.

AND IT'S NOT
ENOUGH TO TAKE
YOU OUT, THEY WANT
YOU DEFEATED.



THEY COULD
HAVE KILLED ME.
SHE HAD ME.

THEY COULD
HAVE KILLED YOU
WITH A POISON
MATZOH BALL
BEFORE YOU WENT
TO **BED**.

THEY'RE KILLING
THEMSELVES JUST
TO **GET** TO YOU.

KILLING
YOU ISN'T THE
POINT.

THEY WANT
TO DO TO YOU
WHAT YOU DID
TO THEM.



TONY...

IRON MAN...



SKRULL OR
NOT.

I'M ASKING,
RIGHT NOW, DO
YOU WANT TO
KILL ME OR
KILL THEM?



THEM.

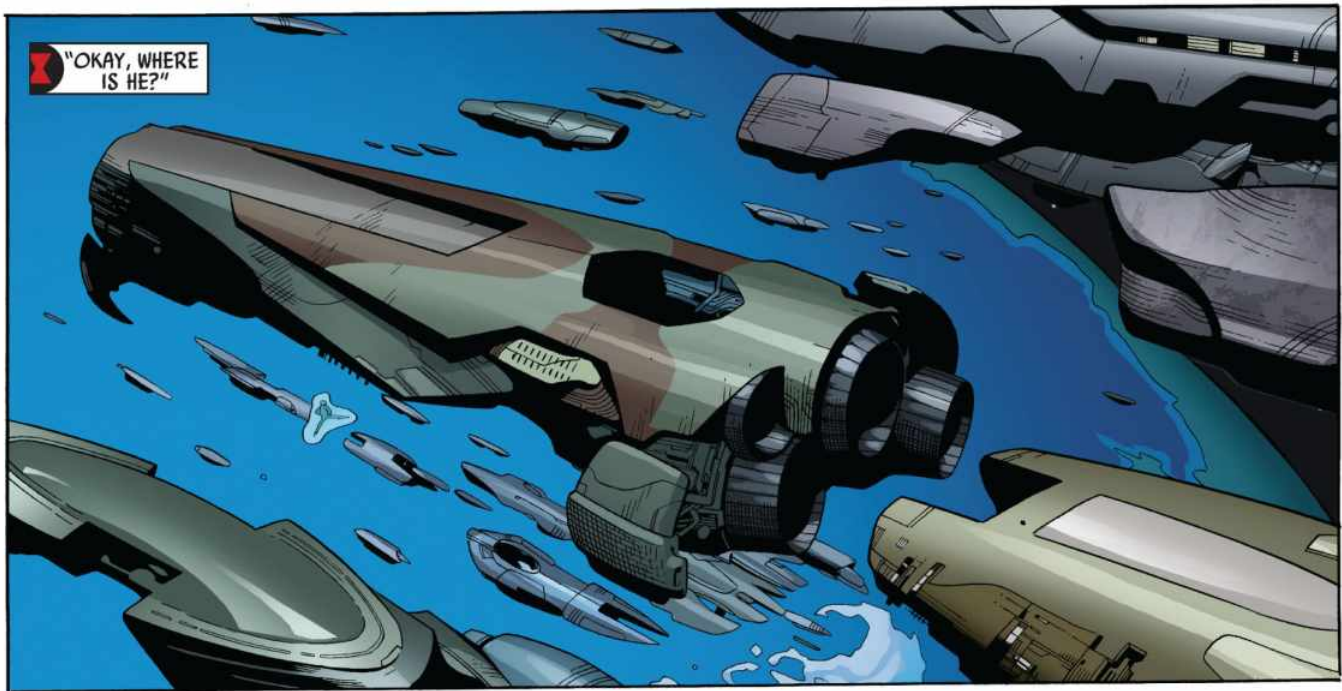


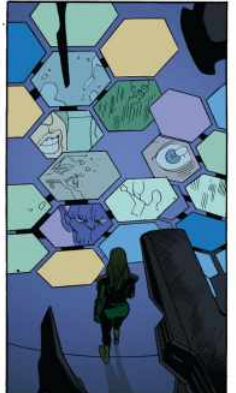
LET'S GO WITH THAT
FEELING THEN.

AND WORRY
ABOUT THE REST
LATER.

MAKE
SOME MORE
NOISE WHY
DON'TCHA?







S.H.I.E.L.D.
HELICARRIER,
BERMUDA
TRIANGLE

SHOULD I
ASK HOW LONG
YOU'VE BEEN A
SKRULL AGENT,
JARVIS?

MS. HILL, WE ARRANGED
YOUR POSITION IN S.H.I.E.L.D.
FOR A REASON.

IT IS TIME
FOR THE HUMANS'
SURRENDER.

PLEASE DO SO
PUBLICLY.

AND IN RETURN,
WE WILL SPARE YOUR
LIFE AND FIND A PLACE
FOR YOU IN THE
TRANSITION.

UH-HUH.

YOU DO KNOW
YOU'RE ABOARD
MY SHIP.

HMMM.

I DON'T THINK
YOU'RE SEEING
THE GRAVITY OF
YOUR SITUATION.

WE ARE
PREPARED TO
ACCEPT YOUR
SURRENDER.





